

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The voting public has the right to know that what Sinclair is showing about Senator Kerry is a political view point and thus not fact . Asking them to cease and desist on their biased reporting should be a public service the FCC is willing to render to its citizens. I sincerely hope you take them to task on this. If they feel they need to show thsi please insist that they wait until after the Noverber 2nd elections to so.

Thank You